

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 497

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Captain Kyle B. Harris, United States Army, for his meritorious military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean is Captain Kyle B. Harris, who is bravely serving his second fifteen-month tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Jackson Central-Merry High School and the University of Tennessee at Martin, Kyle Harris's mission during his first tour was escorting convoys; although his convoy units came under fire, the entire unit was able to come home without injury; and

WHEREAS, following his first tour, Kyle B. Harris was promoted to the rank of "Captain" and awarded the Army Bronze Star. He and his unit were awarded Presidential Meritorious Service medals with oak leaves for their service; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Captain Kyle Harris has fought to protect and preserve the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Kyle Harris always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, the husband of Miranda and father of Josey, Captain Harris is the son of the late Marion Ray Harris and Jim and Charolette Murdaugh. He is the grandson of Charles and Janie Isbell; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep love for his family, community, and country, Captain Kyle Harris epitomizes the true spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Captain Harris has served his country with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in the United States Army; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Captain Kyle B. Harris, United States Army, for his gallant and meritorious military service in Iraq, recognize him for his commitment and dedication to the venerable principles of this great Nation, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.